



Brunswick Missouri and Grand River Cleanup MAY 19TH, 2012

120 VOLUNTEERS § 47 TIRES § 16.5 RIVER MILES § 4 TONS OF TRASH § 3 TONS RECYCLED

This was our first time cleaning up the river near Brunswick, and we had no idea what to expect. But as planning proceeded, it became obvious that people in Brunswick love their river and they love helping out with community projects. This ended up being a really special event. 120 volunteers cleaned up the river - which is outstanding for a first clean-up in a community this size.

Even though school had officially ended the week before, students, teachers and administrators from Brunswick High School came out in force. Missouri American Water employees from Parkville, St. Joseph, Brunswick, Jefferson City and St. Louis all joined in. And families from the area pitched in to help as well.

Biologists from the Dept. of Conservation showed up the night before to set nets and capture live river fish for an educational display for the kids. They also took groups of volunteers out on the river for the clean-up, adding to River Relief's fleet of boats.

We cleaned up spots on 13 miles of the Missouri and 3 miles of the Grand River. Everyone was stunned with how much trash was removed from the river, and proud of what they accomplished.

A wonderful lunch was served by Girl Scout Troop 70835 and their mothers. Then everyone gathered for a rocking Trash Contest and a talk about the Lower Grand River Watershed by Mary Culler of the Mo. Dept. of Natural Resources.

The afternoon was spent bringing all the trash to shore, followed by a community fish fry and some well deserved relaxation for the volunteers.

With community support like that, we know we'll be back in Brunswick!!!

Event Snapshot

- Total Volunteers:** 120
- MRR Crew:** 30
- Boats:** 7 (4 MRR boats, 3 Mo. Dept. of Conservation)
- River Miles Cleaned:** 16.5 miles (13.5 on the Missouri River mm257.5-244, 3 on the Grand)
- Landfill:** 1.8 tons
- Scrap Metal Recycled:** 1.5 tons
- Tires Recycled:** 47 (.84 tons)
- Total Tonnage:** 4.2 Tons!

Groups & Agencies Involved:

Missouri River Relief, Missouri American Water, Missouri Dept. of Conservation, Agriservices - Brunswick River Terminal, Girl Scout Troop 70835, Brunswick High School National Honor Society, Brunswick 8th Grade, Trail of Broken Promises, Missouri Stream Team. Special thanks to Joe Moser and Ted DeLozier

Names of River Teams: Wild Cats, Trash Bashers, Wild Dogs, River Rats, River Tigers, The Parents, Grand Finale Funk

Sponsors



Pat Jones



Above: River Relief volunteers haul back the trash gathered during the day.



Middle left: Not all the treasures volunteers find are trash.

Bottom: Scouring the banks for trash.

Right: 8th grade student Dallas Short stayed all day to haul trash. photos by Alicia Pigg, Steve Schnarr and Melanie Cheney.



Partners

Agriservices - Brunswick River Terminal • Brunswick Bait & Tackle • The Brunswicker • Brunswick Redevelopment and Revitalization Committee • Brunswick High School • City of Brunswick • Ted DeLozier • Joe Moser • Prenger Foods • Harmon's Service • Girl Scout Troop 70835 • Missouri Dept. of Conservation - Missouri River Unit • Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources - Lower Grand River Watershed Initiative • Missouri Stream Team



Partial List of trash collected

Trash Contest winners in **bold**

116 Bags of Trash • 45 Tires on the Rim
 2 Large Truck Tires • 6 Large Chunks O' Styrofoam
 3 Refrigerators • 2 Chest Freezers • 3 Propane Tanks
 1 Hot Tub • 1 Fiberglass Boat in pieces • 2 Coolers
 1 1-gal. Plastic Jug • 5 5-gal. Plastic Buckets
 1 5-gal. Metal Bucket • 4 ½ - 55 gal. Metal Drums
 2 ½ 55-gal. Plastic Barrels • 5 Plastic Tubes • 1 Tool Box (empty) • 2 22-foot Irrigation Pipes • 1 Barge Line
 1 partial Kiddie Pool • 10 pieces of misc. scrap metal
 1 Gas Tank to a car • 1 Mud Flap to an 18-wheeler (Des Moines, IA) • 2 Pipe Brackets • 5 Long Pipes
 1 Paint Can • 1 Fence Post • 1 Pig Feeder Lid • 1 Garage Can Lid • 1 piece of Rebar • 1 Buoy • 1 - 8 mm Film Container • 5 Chunks O' Plastic • 1 Corrugated PVC Pipe
 1 Price Chopper Shopping Cart • 8 ft of Plastic Tubing
 1 Daisy Flip Flop • 1 Pool Slide • 1 Soccer Ball
 1 Basket Ball Goal • 1 Petrified Rubber Ball • 1 Turquoise Snow Sled (plastic) • 1 Plastic Hand Grenade • 1 Christmas Ornament • **1 Toy Rocket Ship** • 1 Bubble Wand
 1 Toy Steering Wheel • **1 Toy Slide** • 1 Chest Freezer
 1 Oil Drum • 1 Igloo Dog House • 1 Truck Tire
 3 Propane Tanks • **1 Old Green Glass Bottle** • 1 Large Antique Light Bulb • 2 Old Glass Bottles • 1 Mario Ball
1 Hair Roller-Curler • 1 Porcelain Bottle • 1 Duck Decoy with moving wings • 1 Goose Decoy • **1 Deer Skull**
 1 lime green Softball • 1 Headlight • **1 Butterfly Stencil**
 1 Hair Tonic glass bottle • **1 partial yellow foam Life Jacket**
 • 1 Absinthe Glass Bottle • 1 Mop Bucket
 • **1 Fire Extinguisher** • 1 Coleman Water Jug
 1 Drink Pitcher & Cup • 1 Soccer Ball • 1 Hard Hat

For more about the Brunswick Clean-up and a link to photos of the event, see:
<http://www.riverrelief.org/event/brunswick-missouri-grand-river-clean-up/>

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